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SENATOR ALLARD SUPPORTS GOVERNOR OWENS' OPPOSITION TO TRIBAL CASINOS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard said Friday he supports Colorado Governor Bill Owens in opposing the development of an Indian casino east of Denver.

“I am in complete agreement with Governor Owens’ position on this issue,” Senator Allard said. “The governor is on target when he says this is not in the best interest of our state.”

Senator Allard said he will be writing a letter to Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) asking that no language that would expand gaming in Colorado be included in any of the FY2005 appropriations bills currently before the committee.

“Just last fall, Colorado voters rejected, by an overwhelming margin, efforts to expand gaming in the state,” Senator Allard said. “This issue should be determined by Colorado citizens, not by back-room political maneuvers. Our state would not be well served if Congress approved a casino in Colorado without state approval.”

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